REMARKS

Status of the Claims

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 3-8, and 17-30 are allowed and claims 9, 11-16, and 31 are rejected. Therefore, claims 9, 11-16, and 31 have been canceled and claims 1, 3-8, and 17-30 are pending.

Rejection of Claims 9, 11-16, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §101

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 9, 11-16, and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have canceled these claims, without prejudice.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims (i.e., claims 1, 3-8, and 17-30) are in condition for allowance and that the application should be passed to issue.

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